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## REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8-10, 12-13, and 21-30 remain pending in the application including independent claims 1 and 9. Non-elected method claims 14-20 have been cancelled. Claims 6-7 and 11 have also been cancelled.

Claims 9-10, 12-13, and 23-30 are allowed. Claims 7 and 8 are indicated as allowable. Claim 7 has been incorporated into claim 1, from which claim 7 directly depends. Thus, claims 1-5, 8, and 21-22 should also now be in condition for allowance.

Replacement Sheets for the figures were submitted in response to the drawing objection with the Amendment of September 20, 2006. The examiner has indicated in the present Advisory Action that these drawings are acceptable.

The abstract was amended in the Amendment of September 20, 2006 in response to the objection to the specification. Applicant respectfully asserts that the Abstract includes proper content and asserts that the rejection to the specification has been fully addressed.

Claim 7 was amended in the Amendment of September 20, 2006 to overcome the identified objection. Applicant respectfully asserts that all claim objections have been fully addressed.

Claims 2, 3, 21, and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 21 was amended in the Amendment of September 20, 2006, in response to the examiner's rejection. The examiner has not provided any specific rejection regarding claim 22, which depends directly from claim 1, thus applicant asserts that claim 22 in its present form is definite.

With regard to claims 2 and 3 the examiner argued that the metes and bounds of the claims were unclear. For the reasons set forth in the Amendment of September 20, 2006, applicant asserts that claims 2 and 3 are definite.

The examiner did not provide any comments in the present Advisory Action pertaining to this rejection. Thus applicant assumes that the Amendment of September 20, 2006, fully addressed these 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections in a satisfactory manner.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 2001-105500 (JP '500). Claims 1, 2, 5, 21, and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as

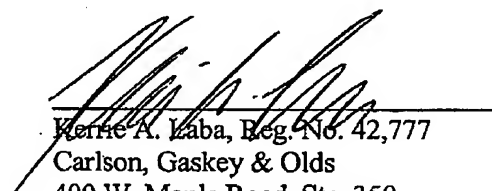
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being anticipated by Behymer (US 4819309). Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '500 in view of Akiyama. These rejections are moot in light of the amendments set forth above.

Applicant respectfully asserts that all claims are now in condition for allowance and requests an indication of such. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for fees for a one-month extension of time. Applicant believes that no additional fees are due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees.

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